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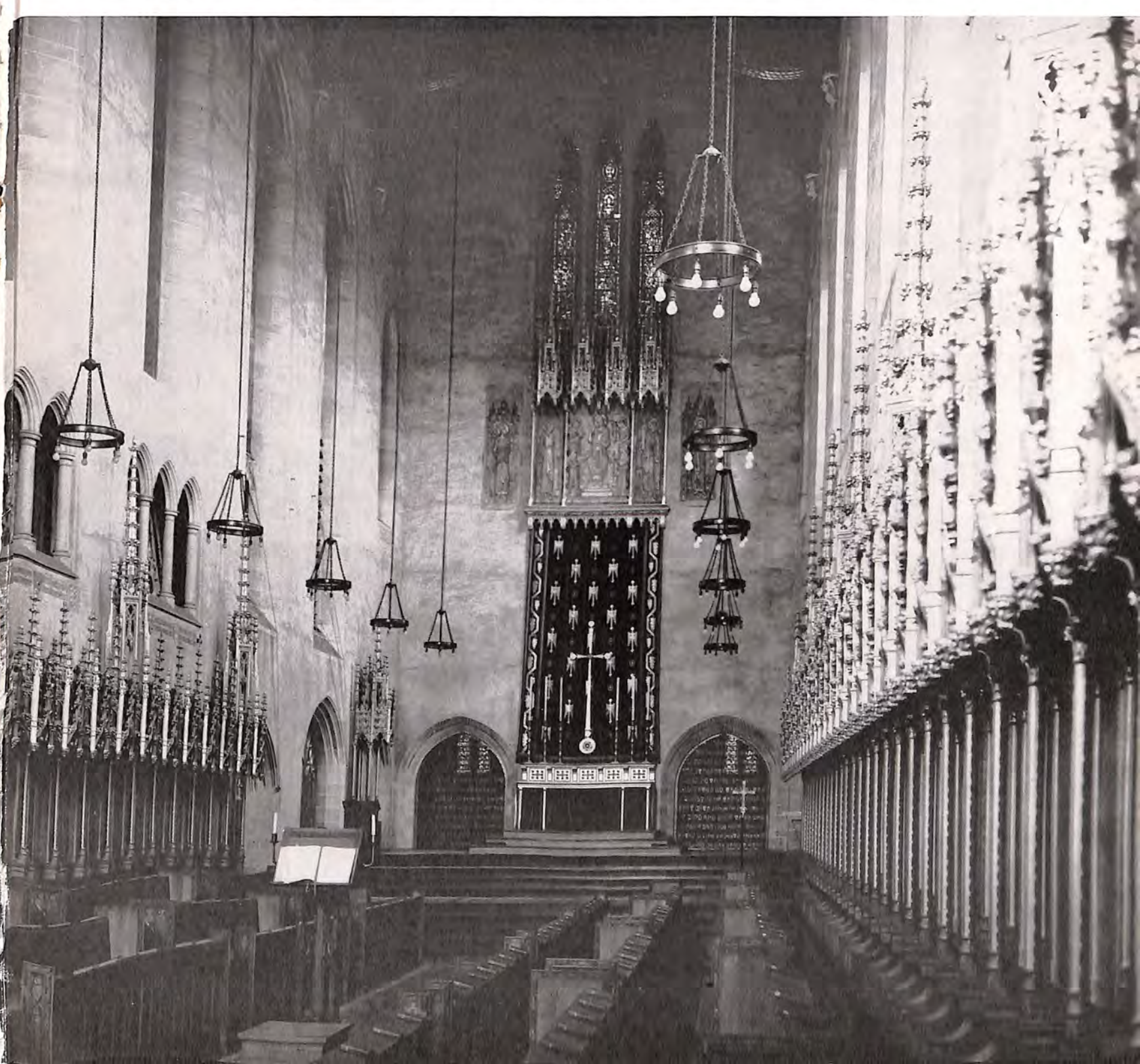

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Philadelphia Divinity School

Plans Sketched by New Dean

By The Very Rev. Frank D. Gifford, Ph.D.

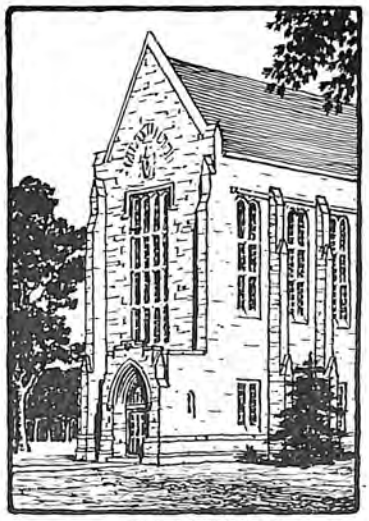
The first regular teacher of theology in our American Church was the Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Turner, appointed early in the nineteenth century by Bishop William White of Pennsylvania. The Bishop's plan for a center of theological learning in Philadelphia was carried out by Bishop Alonzo Potter and the first students enrolled in 1857. "The Divinity School of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Philadelphia" was duly chartered by the State in 1862.

During the past eight decades theological students have come to the great city on the Delaware from all parts of the country and from abroad but the Divinity School has been in a special way a Pennsylvania institution. Bishop Hart presides as President of the Board of Trustees and all of the Trustees, at present, are from the Keystone State.

Alumni Leaders

For more than eighty years The Divinity School has been training spiritual leaders for the Church and its record is one of noble achievement. More than 130 of the clergy of the Diocese of Pennsylvania are graduates. Eight Deans of theological seminaries, two college Presidents, twenty-two Professors of Theology and many Bishops are among the alumni. Bishop Huang of Kunming, revisiting his alma mater at the recent General Convention, remarked that the Philadelphia Divinity School had a large share in the Christian leadership of China since no less than four of the Bishops there were graduates.

As the School begins the Fall Term the prospects for growth and progress are good. The student body, which had decreased so greatly during the war years, will show a considerable increase. Most of the new men are married and come from years of service in the Armed Forces. This creates new problems, for each man is a special case and must be treated accordingly. With a small enrollment, as compared with larger institutions, the Philadelphia School can give these men better training than they can receive elsewhere, for each man will receive the personal attention of the Dean and Faculty.



THE LIBRARY

Faculty Strengthened

The Faculty has been strengthened by the coming of the new Dean, the Very Rev. Frank D. Gifford, Ph.D., and by the selection of the Rev. Charles M. Coldren, Jr., M.A., Th.M., to teach in the field of Dogmatic Theology. The Dean has had a wide experience as missionary in Japan, as acting President of St. Paul's College, Tokyo, and in city and suburban rectorships in New York. He received the degree of Ph.D. from New York University, having specialized in colonial Church History. He is the author of two books of sermons and expects to take charge of the Department of Homiletics in the School. Mr. Coldren comes to the School from several years as Chaplain in the Navy. He has specialized in the field of Christian Doctrine and in Philosophy and is well qualified to teach the regular courses. Every member of the Faculty has had years of parochial experience, so that they have a real understanding of the tasks and problems of the parish priest. The Philadelphia Divinity School will continue its emphasis on practical training and clinical work so as to send men out who are equipped to do the full work of the ministry, but there will also be real scholarship, Prayer Book loyalty, and a wholesome friendly relation between Faculty and Students.

Arrangements are being made by Bishop Hart and the Dean to have

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certain men of reputation and ability come to deliver special lectures at the School. These will supplement the regular training received by the men and afford a real opportunity to clergy in this vicinity.

Plans are being made for closer relations with the University of Pennsylvania, for the affiliation of the School with the American Association of Theological Schools, and for the addition of a full-time Professor in Church History.

Library Facilities

Few persons realize what remarkable facilities for study and research are offered in the William Bacon Stevens Library of over thirty thousand volumes and the Yarnall Library of Theology of St. Clement's Church which contains many rare and valuable books. In the School buildings also is housed the Church Historical Society with its great collection of historical documents. The clergy of this Diocese and vicinity are cordially invited to use these facilities and to avail themselves of the courses for advanced degrees offered in the Graduate Department. One course which may be of value to the busy Rector is that in Parish Administration conducted by the Dean on Wednesdays from 2 to 4 P. M. Various parochial problems will be discussed and the best methods studied.

As soon as a new Director is obtained, the Department of Women will be re-opened and St. Mary's House on St. Mark's St. made available for young women who wish to be trained for service in the Church.

At the recent General Convention the House of Bishops met on September 17 at The Divinity School for the election of a Presiding Bishop and Missionary Bishops. At noon Bishop Hart and the Dean were hosts to the Bishops at a buffet luncheon outdoors in the Garth. Many of those present expressed surprise and admiration for the beautiful Chapel and the ample facilities of the School, saying that their day at The Divinity School was for them "the highlight of the Convention." The Dean has received invitations to visit many dioceses in the work of recruiting men for the ministry and has already made plans for a trip through the South and Middle West.

CHURCH OF THE ADVOCATE WELCOMES TEMPLE STUDENTS

Due to the great need for classroom space at the Temple University High School it has been arranged that additional classes of this school will be held at the parish house of the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Sts. At present more than 300 young men and women, all veterans, are using these facilities. The Rector of the parish, the Rev. Thomas A. Meryweather, has already conducted several "church tours" for these students through the main church. It is planned that the young people of the parish will organize evening programs for recreation and fellowship for the combined personnel of the Canterbury Club of Temple University, of which Mr. Meryweather is advisor; for the Temple High School students and for the youth of the parish.

A PARISH PROGRAM

The following statement was recently made by the Presiding Bishop of our Church, the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker: "A parish program begins at home and extends to the uttermost parts of the earth. We must feel an equal responsibility for every portion of this program. First of all, the parish must strive to make its own community what we wish the world as a whole to be. Unless we can show that God is doing for us what we claim He can do for others, the preaching of missionaries to the world outside will have little effect. The light that shines brightest at home will shine furthest abroad. Christ appointed His first disciples that they might be with Him and that He might send them forth. In short, we cannot help others to be Christians unless we ourselves are striving to be better Christians; and conversely, it is only in helping others to know Christ that we become more Christlike."

WAR CHAPLAINS SPEAK

During the General Convention Bishop Hart gave a luncheon for all the Chaplains of World War II who were present. The Chaplains strongly recommended that every possible means be taken to quicken the loyalty of Episcopalians, to deepen their sense of pride and obligation to the Episcopal Church, and to promote a loyal following of its way of life. We believe the Episcopal Church has a tremendous opportunity to grow and expand. It has what men need. It is required only that in the spirit of Christ we be true to the church and all that it teaches.

MORE MISSIONARIES NEEDED

The Bishop of Liberia, the Rt. Rev. Bravid W. Harris, said to the General Convention, "For the present, we have all the churches and schools we can reasonably support. Our fundamental purpose is staffing them with qualified leadership to carry out our over-all purposes. We must, therefore, insist upon the fundamentals of the Christian religion and the Church's teaching rather than the superficialities. There is too much of the latter. We do not propose attempting 'the future's portals with the past blood-rusted key.' The key to the future of our work will be our staff, its ability and spirit. Most important of all its faith and conviction as to the future and the realization that in the not too distant future, we may see a new people and a new country because we have labored here."

NEW MISSIONARY BISHOPS

During the meeting of General Convention three clergymen were elected to serve in missionary districts in the United States. The Rev. Lane Wickham Barton, elected to succeed Bishop Remington in Eastern Oregon, is Rector of Grace Church, Orange, N. J. He was born and educated in Ohio, and served parishes in Ohio and Michigan before going to New Jersey in 1938. He is 47 years old. The Rev. Stephen Cutter Clark, elected for Utah, has been Rector of St. Mark's Church, Pasadena, since 1927. A native of California and a graduate of Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass., for five years he was editor of "The Los Angeles Churchman." He is 54 years old. The Rev. George Henry Quarterman, elected for North Texas. (There are three Dioceses and two Missionary Districts in Texas.) Mr. Quarterman was born and educated in New York. He is 40 years old, and has spent his entire ministry in Oklahoma and Texas.

Bishop Hart's Message

When Bishop Sherrill was elected Presiding Bishop, he resigned as Chairman of the Army and Navy Division of the National Council, and the Presiding Bishop appointed me to take his place. I hesitated to accept because I realized the amount of work involved, but I did accept because I wanted to be of any service that I could to the returning Chaplains, and to the men still in the Service. I also wanted to do my part in the work of the National Church. I ask for the prayers and interest of the members of the diocese for this work.

On Thanksgiving Day we take up our annual offering for the Episcopal Hospital. Most of you are acquainted with the needs of the hospital. I am confident that your Thanksgiving Offering will be generous as it has been for many years. At the present time the Church is doing a splendid piece of work at the hospital and those in closest touch with the Chaplain have a growing appreciation of his service there. Chaplain Morris would be glad to give you any information that you may want, or answer any questions that you have about the work of the hospital.

The General Convention placed before the Church a larger missionary program for the coming triennium (1947-49) than we had during the past triennium. The figures are small when we think of the millions of dollars being spent in atomic research alone. This year this diocese gave $155,000.00 for the missionary program of the National Church. Next year we have been asked to give $203,000.00. This large increase can be met if the vestry of every parish will see to it that a thorough Every Member Canvass is conducted so that every member of the parish will be informed. I gladly make my own, the words of your bishops and deputies to the General Convention. It is increasingly evident in this day that any hope for the ultimate triumph of justice and good will and peace over selfishness and greed and recurring war, depends upon a courageous and sacrificial proclamation of the Gospel of Christ in all the world. I, therefore, call the clergy and laity of the Church to face anew our responsibility for promoting the worship and work of Christ with a determination to enlist the *full* membership of the Church in loyal participation. The officers and leaders in all areas of the Church's life are urged to unite in a program which will provide the members of our Church with a more complete, appealing and inspiring knowledge of the Church's work and the opportunities of the Christian cause at home and overseas today. It has been proven again and again that the parishes which are most concerned about the work beyond their borders, are the parishes which are doing the best work at home. As you assemble on Thanksgiving Day to express your gratitude to Almighty God for his many mercies and goodness to us as a people, may you be able to offer to Him your parish's determination to share sacrificially and joyfully in the Church's work throughout the world.

Oliver J. Hart

Suffragan Bishop's Message

After sixty-three years, the Diocese of Pennsylvania once again had the privilege of entertaining a General Convention. Meeting as we did in a critical period in world history and also in the life of our Church, it was a great opportunity and challenge to every one of us. The atmosphere in which great decisions are made has much to do with the results. Your Bishops are deeply grateful to the various committees, clergymen, laymen, and laywomen as well as to the University of Pennsylvania for the really efficient facilities we were enabled to offer and also for the splendid spirit of hospitality which pervaded the whole ten days. The visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury and of the Archbishop of the West Indies also gave us opportunity to greet these great leaders from abroad. There again, we want to thank the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Evangelical Education Society and all of those who joined with us in their entertainment.

We are concerned now with the effect that these meetings will have upon the life of the Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. We have had the honor throughout the years of leading the Church in new missionary adventures. The first great missionary impulses of the Church were born here and through all our history, Pennsylvania has been counted on to lead the Church in its missionary enterprise. Again that honor can be ours if we accept willingly the apportionment which has been given us, $203,000.00 for 1947 for the general work of the Church. It seems like a large amount to those who have never given very much before, but to those of us who believe in the supreme need in our world today, the amount is pitifully small.

In 1945, the total receipts from all sources for the Diocese amounted to $3,137,966.16. We reported a total number of communicants of 74,188. This is an average of $42.29 per communicant. Of that total contribution in 1945, only $150,508.00 went towards meeting our expectation on the program of the General Church. In 1947, the increase over what we gave in 1945 will be $63,000.00. That seems like a good deal, but when you break it down you will find that it only means $2.73 per communicant for the spread of Christ's Kingdom all over the world. Surely with the great inspiration of hearing so many missionary speakers with their challenge to win the world for Christ, we in Pennsylvania will think only of the great need and how we can meet it. No need to apologize for missions in the desperate plight of our world. We must strengthen the *will* to give, to "Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things."

Now just one short personal word which I want to express to all the many friends of Mrs. Remington in the Diocese. She had a serious attack of pneumonia during August but was well taken care of in the hospital at Bar Harbor and is now making a very fine recovery at the home of my sister-in-law, Mrs. Sophie Volkmar, in Chestnut Hill. We must guard her time and energies carefully for some time to come and she cannot accept any engagements to speak, at least during the rest of this year and possibly longer. We are fortunate in getting possession of a new Suffragan Bishop's House at 352 Penn Road in Wynnewood and, after much needed repairs, we hope to be in residence there by the first of November.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of our dear friends for the many expressions of sympathy and affection and for the prayers which have been offered for Mrs. Remington's recovery.

Forums Planned for Winning Peace

"Must helpless man, in ignorance sedate,
Roll darkling down the torrent of his fate?"

—Samuel Johnson.

We have all asked the above question concerning problems that affect world peace by simply saying, rather hopelessly, "But what can I do about it?"

Although we have come, within the last generation, to recognize fully the importance of understanding the meaning of what is going on in the world; we have been unable, to date, to fabricate a mechanism for peace. It is a well known fact that the seeds of war germinate in the minds of the rulers of darkness to spring full-blown in the ignorance and prejudice of uninformed peoples. Then freedoms we take for granted are stifled. If we, a nation with the lowest rate of illiteracy, fall the victims of propaganda or power politics, what chance has this world of ours for anything but self-destruction? Our Lord might well put the same question to us that he did to his disciples in their anxiety for things of

the earth. "Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear yet not? and do yet not remember?"

"Ignorance," said Robert Hall, "gives a sort of eternity to prejudice, and perpetuity to error." It is ignorance, then, that must be overcome if we, as Christian people, are to do anything about it. The kind of ignorance that will tolerate those among us who would deceive us in matters that affect our fate, is that which must be stamped out. This is the avowed goal of the Committee on Christian World Order.

The Committee, which is headed by Bishop Remington, has set forth a program for the 1946-47 season which is pointed up by four main meetings to be held in five parishes

throughout the Diocese. At these meetings well-informed men and women will give us the benefit of their knowledge and experience in world affairs. Those attending these meetings will be given ample opportunity to ask questions and discuss the subject presented. The committee will then pass out an outline of the next subject to be presented at the area meeting to follow two months later. Each Parish discussion group, using this outline, together with the bibliography of reference material also provided, will have opportunities for discussing that subject in their own parish. It is hoped that not only Episcopalians but members of other Churches as well, will find these opportunities for advancing the cause of understanding world problems interesting and helpful.

The opening statement of the Pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops calls us to action in a world that has come to rely too heavily on secular solutions to its problems. It says, "Prophetic voices have cried out through these past years of conflict, warning of the time when having won the war, we might lose the peace. That time is now upon us."

MARCUS HOOK

The Rev. Melvin H. Heckler, who entered the ministry after serving many years as a school teacher, relates the way things have worked out under his ministry at St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook:

"On the morning of December 6, 1942, I left my home with fear and trembling at 6:15, to go to Marcus Hook to begin my work there. On my way, I was prompted to stop at St. Paul's, Chester, to receive Holy Communion. As I came to the church, our Sainted Bishop Taitt came across the street from his home. As he met me, he said, 'My boy, I want you to assist me at the altar and after service, take breakfast with me.' I gladly consented, and had a very helpful talk with the saintly man at our last breakfast together. He told me many things that were immeasurably helpful. He withheld some, for he said, 'They will do you no good. You will find a splendid people, a hard-working people. They are all human, and can kick up a fight in less time than you can tell it. Yet it soon dies out.' I took note of that remark, walked accordingly, and have not had any squabble yet. I remembered the old Negro formula, 'Silence am golden. Another dollar earned.'

"As our dear Bishop Hart once admonished the clergy not to scold the people, I took note. I plead with them. Never mention money from the pulpit. If necessary, I'll fight for them, but not against them. I always come out with the last word even though it may only be, 'Yes, "Brur" Evans.' Some one said to me, 'I think they sent you to the worst place in the Diocese.' Well, perhaps, they sent the worst preacher there too. So there was a similarity. Dean Shreiner tried to comfort me by saying, 'Heckler, you did not seek the place. But always remember, there was a loud call—two Bishops and six Deans. You did not choose.' But I had to obey or else.

"I came to see the place on one of the worst days possible, in late November, 1942, the day we had the freak snowstorm in the late afternoon. I was met at the train, hurriedly taken over the town, so that I could see little of it, and my first impression was not good. I remembered, however, that the Good Book says, 'God doeth all things well.' He makes no mistakes. It gave me comfort, even though I knew I was tagged as a superannuated school teacher, with more enthusiasm, perhaps, than ability. But I marvel at and admire the infinite wisdom which can make so much turn on so little.

"We had our uphill traveling. At my coming to Marcus Hook, there was a property debt of $4,000 in round numbers; current debts dangling—two and one-half months' salary to my predecessor, three years' tax on the rectory, coal bill for previous year—but by working hand in hand, we emerged unhurt. Our indebtedness was reduced to $500 by December 31, 1945, and besides we spent $800 on property improvement. Some things had been passed up, but could be no longer.

"In October, '44, Doctor Green of Pennington Boys' School gave us a talk during our anniversary week on the subject, 'Together.' A few days later, I entertained our vestry, our choir, and our beloved Bishop Hart at dinner when the word, 'Together,' became our slogan. In three and one-half years, we have had five confirmation classes — total of seventy. Four different Bishops were here.

"Our Bishop and our Dean were both helpful to me, sometimes just by a little remark. The clergy brethren of the Diocese were sympathetic and helpful, particularly during my Diaconate. The secretary of the Chester Convocation gave me much undeserved publicity at various times. But my great help came from a willing people and a God, all wise, all powerful, ever present, with whom I try to keep in constant contact."

DIOCESAN LIBRARY ENLARGED

The Board of Control of the Diocesan Library in the Church House takes this means of inviting a wider use of the Library on the part of the clergy and laity of the diocese. There are over four thousand volumes in the Library and new books are being added continually. The late Rev. Walter C. Pugh, who for many years had given of his time and service to the work of the Library, has left the greater part of his personal library to the Diocesan Library. We are very grateful to the clergy for such bequests. Following is a list of new books purchased during the past month:

The New Testament: Its Making and Meaning—Barnett, Albert E.

Justice and the Social Order—Brunner, Emil.

Christ and Man's Dilemma — Buttrick, George A.

The Faith of a Protestant—Easton, W. Burnet, Jr.

The Genius of the Prophets—Faus, William Arthur.

Faith and Reason—Ferré, Nels F. S.

St. Paul, Apostle and Martyr—Giordani, Igino.

The Eternal Gospel—Heard, Gerald.

The Christian Heritage in America—Hedley, George.

Remaking the Modern Mind — Henry, Carl F. H.

Psychology of Religion—Johnson, Paul E.

Works of Love—Kierkegaard, Soren.

Collected Papers of Evelyn Underhill—Menzies, Lucy (edited by).

Christianity and Crisis — Montizambert, Eric.

His Body the Church — Pittenger, W. Norman.

The Christian Future—Rosenstock-Huessy, Eugen.

The Idea of Christ in the Gospels—Santayana, George.

Man and Society in the New Testament—Scott, Ernest F.

The First Epistle of St. Peter—Selwyn, Ed. Gordon.

Religion in America—Sperry, Willard L.

Foundations for Reconstruction — Trueblood, D. Elton.

A Christian Global Strategy—Van Kirk, Walter W.

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

Our Diocesan Missions

Administering the missions of our Diocese is no easy task. Are we too critical or not critical enough? What makes for good missionary work?

The Program and Extension Committee of the Convocation of Germantown realizes that "clearly defined principles, long range planning, sound relationship and a vital program are necessary." As a first step toward improving its work, this committee outlined a dozen Guiding Principles and asked that they be studied by vestries, Woman's Auxiliary branches and all interested persons. The hope is that they will be discussed and improved until they become useful guides to our thinking and planning. Bishop Hart suggests that these Principles be studied throughout the Diocese, as well as in the Convocation of Germantown, and copies have been printed and distributed. Here they are again, in case you did not secure a copy. Read them carefully and send your suggestions to the Rev. Henry E. Kaufman, 7903 Frankford Ave., Philadelphia 36.

If you wish to hear them discussed, come to the meetings of the Diocesan Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary on Wednesday, November 6, and December 4, at 10:30 A. M. As an exercise take the Principles one by one, think of some mission that you know well, and see how nearly the mission measures up to them. Or try re-numbering the Principles according to the importance you attach to each. Would you omit or add any? May our studies help us to see our missionary task more clearly and to carry it out more nearly.

President's Message

Now that the 55th General Convention and the Triennial are history, we can see it in perspective and decide what were the most vital events and the most vivid experiences. We have received many letters from the members of the National Executive Board and delegates that make us feel that the months of preparation and all the hard work have brought a very rich reward. Every letter expresses deep appreciation for the "friendly" feeling that prevailed. "The maids in the hotels, the taxi drivers, the trolley conductors and the traffic police all contributed to this feeling," was the one comment. What the various Committees accomplished in making everything run smoothly and efficiently and making people comfortable was thoroughly appreciated. These letters will be in a scrap-book in the Woman's Auxiliary Office and I trust many will have time to stop and read them.

From every speaker, from the Archbishop of Canterbury to Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, from Bishop Huang (China's baby bishop) to Madame Perkins — and emphasized in no uncertain terms by Bishop Dun in his four meditations—came the warning that only if we can become really Christ-centered can our world be secured from ruin.

Let us try to catch the spark of complete and loving devotion, enthusiasm and willingness to sacrifice of those newly converted Christians, especially the Orientals. If the Church is to go forward, the next three years must be years of sacrificial giving for every one of us, to meet the increased budget. (The last report is that the per capita yearly giving of the Episcopal Church is $1.25; almost the last in the list of the different denominations.) Let us also put our most earnest efforts into the Educational Program, making it our responsibility to help to meet the needs of all ages in our parish.

There is also in the Woman's Auxiliary office a file of all the issues of the Triennial Daily which give a most thrilling and vivid picture of the whole Convention.

May God grant that we make our work this year a "Personal Crusade."

MARGARET PACKARD.

SUGGESTED PRINCIPLES IN MISSION WORK

1. Missionary work demands top-notch men, who shall be well paid and capable of developing lay leadership.

The placing of able and experienced men in extension work is basic to success. Witness commercial firms placing their best men in new territory.

2. The quality of our missions is more important than the quantity.

It is better to have a few strong missions, which command respect, than to undertake more missions than can be properly manned and supported. Weak missions do actual harm. The strength of a mission is to be measured more by spiritual quality than by its financial contribution.

3. Christian cooperation is essential.

The Kingdom of God is more important than the Episcopal Church.

Note: The term "cooperation" is used here to include:

a. Overall community planning by all Christian groups involved in a given community.

b. Mutually helpful exchange of ideas through regular conference, and participation in local interdenominational activities.

c. A spirit of goodwill and understanding instead of competition.

d. Some agreement on areas of responsibility, where practical, provided this shall not be understood to surrender our right to enter or remain in any given field.

If other denominations have not taken the lead in matters of cooperation, then the honor of recommending such steps belongs to the Episcopal Church. The Diocese of Pennsylvania should have an able official representative on the committee on Comity of the Philadel-

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QUIET DAYS

An Advent Quiet Day will be conducted at St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, on Wednesday, December 4, by the Rev. Wm. X. Smith. Holy Eucharist at 8:30 A. M. Meditations at 10:15 A. M., 12 noon, and 2:00 P. M., closing at 3:15 P. M.

The Third Annual Inter-Denominational Quiet Day will be held on Tuesday, November 5, at St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, from 10:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. The Conductor is to be the Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong, Rector of St. Mary's, Ardmore.

A quiet evening in preparation for Christmas will be conducted by the Rev. Gordon Lyall on Saturday, December 21, from 4:30 to 9:00 P. M. It is requested that those who are interested should register well in advance with the Sister-in-Charge: telephone, VIctor 4-4612.

Important Changes Being Made At Episcopal Hospital

MEETING SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Episcopal Hospital in 1945 completed its ninety-fourth year of service to its community. Throughout the four years of World War II its operation was confronted with many tedious problems. The difficulty in securing supplies and equipment was in itself severe enough to prevent smooth operation of the Hospital, but added to that was the tremendous shortage in manpower in all groups of hospital personnel. These two conditions would seem to have been enough to discourage the faithful employees who carried on the work, but a third burden was added — namely, the largest year in the Hospital's history of patients admitted and days of service.

Increasing Demands

The number of patients admitted in 1945 was 11,159 compared to 9,667 admissions in 1944. The average daily census in 1945 was 404 compared to 370 in 1944, and the days of service in 1945 were 147,296 compared to 135,274 in 1944. Births in 1945 were 2,220, which was an increase of 413 over the 1,807 births in 1944. In 1945, 5,332 operations were performed, compared to 4,205 operations in 1944.

The above figures show clearly the increasing service rendered to the community by the Hospital, and they forcibly brought to the attention of the Board of Managers the need for a new Hospital of modern design, planned to enable the Staff and Hospital personnel to render the highest type of medical care. The Board of Managers therefore appointed a special committee consisting of Board and Medical Staff members, with the Superintendent as Chairman, to develop plans for a new building. This committee is now at work, and Bishop Hart will appoint in the near future a committee from the Diocese of Pennsylvania to raise the necessary funds. The Board of Managers cannot too strongly stress the importance of this undertaking, and it knows that it will have the fullest cooperation of the Diocese in achieving the goal of building a hospital worthy of the Church.

The Thanksgiving Offering for 1945 amounted to $33,085.71, or 3 per cent of the annual operating cost. This gift from the Parishes of the Diocese enabled the Hospital to carry on its ministry to many needy sick and injured who come to us during the year seeking relief from their infirmities, and the Board of Managers is grateful for this continued expression of the Church's concern for the needy sick.

Salary Increases

It has been a tradition of hospitals, since nearly all of them are charitable institutions, to pay meager salaries to employees, and in this way make the employees the largest contributor to the charity work. This results in a dearth of competent employees, especially during periods of national prosperity. The Board of Managers is most anxious to correct this condition, and has authorized the Superintendent, as rapidly as finances permit, to pay adequate salaries, secure competent employees, and in this way render the highest type of care to patients. In order to develop a good personnel management relationship, it seems inevitable that the Hospital must pay salaries somewhat comparable to industry, and discontinue perquisites. Our Hospital is gradually working toward this goal and a few selected groups of employees are employed on this basis. It would be most desirable to undertake such a program for all employees, but a sudden change in policy would prove very expensive and beyond the Hospital's means.

During the summer the Hospital Chaplain, at the request of several seminaries, offered a twelve weeks' course in Pastoral Training to six seminarians. This is another evidence of the Hospital's desire to be a Church Hospital and to assist the Church in the various phases of its ministry.

For Church and Community

The Hospital has been accepted as a member agency of the Community Fund. It did not ask for an appropriation for the year 1945-1946 but will receive an appropriation for the Fund's fiscal year commencing May 1, 1946. This association does not in any way change the attitude of the Board of Managers that the Hospital is and

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Department of Christian Education

Church School Institute

Those attending the 76th Annual Church School Institute held on Monday, October 7, had an opportunity to greet several new officers of the Diocese. This Institute was a "first" for Bishop Remington as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese; for the Rev. Peter C. Van der Heil, as Chairman of the Department of Christian Education and for Miss Beryl Newman as Executive Secretary of the Department. The applause of the dinner guests indicated their confidence that these new leaders will carry on to new heights the educational work of the Diocese.

Bishop Remington in his "Greetings" presented in forthright fashion the responsibilities of Church School teachers. In a Church that believes in Christian growth teachers must give moral and spiritual guidance that our young people may learn to do what God demands and that undergirding our way of life and our liberties may be strong Christian training.

Speaking on "General Convention and our Church's Program of Christian Education" the Rev. Daniel A. McGregor, chairman of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council, brought good news of an awakened interest in education throughout the Church. As evidence of the General Convention's interest Dr. McGregor reported on three steps taken at Convention. 1. There is to be a *Department* of Christian Education of the National Council. For some years Christian Education has been a division of the Home Department. This change of status is a recognition of the importance of the educational work of the Church. 2. The Department has been assigned the task of preparing curriculum materials for use in our Church Schools throughout the country. 3. Adequate funds were provided for the new Department to do well the task assigned it.

A Syllabus for Church Schools has been prepared by the Division of Christian Education and will be available in printed form very soon. Dr. McGregor pointed out that this Syllabus embodies the opinions of many leaders in the Church as to what should be taught in the Church Schools and that it is rooted in the Offices of Instruction.

With Dr. McGregor's analysis of the Syllabus as a send-off, the teachers met in departmental groups to study the Syllabus in relation to their own work in the Church School. A vote of thanks is due to Mrs. J. Mack Nevergole, Mrs. Edward Copper, Miss Jane M. Welte and the Rev. William T. Warren, who so ably led these groups in their discussions.

There was the usual Exhibit of Church School Courses and books for children and parents. *Unusual* was the crowd around these materials! Certainly there was evidence of a new enthusiasm for the task of teaching—and that our Diocese has a share of the Church's new interest in Christian Education!

Visual Aids

The clergy, superintendents, teachers, and interested laymen at the Institute were able to see, at first hand, the various projectors, films, slides, pictures, and written material necessary to the development of a parish program of visual education. We are indebted to Mr. Nye of Lippincott Pictures, to Mr. Wright of the Bell and Howell Company, to Mr. Lenz of the free library of the Modern Talking Picture Service, Mr. O'Connor of the Magnavox Company, and H. M. Jacobs of the Book Store for giving of their time and knowledge in the interest of the Diocese.

Both the Ampro and the Bell and Howell 16 mm. sound projectors were in evidence and in operation during the exhibit. Everyone went away struck by the possibilities of this equipment in the educational program of their own parish. Then too there were various types of slide and film strip projectors, all having their place and their value in the field of visual education. Many of these are now in use in the diocese, and their value is unquestioned. Mr. Jacobs of the Book Store is enlarging his interest to include "Transcriptures," a series of record albums bringing the story of the Creation, the Garden of Eden, and other portions of the Scriptures in a thrilling and beautiful manner. Many of these albums were sold at the Institute, and many more orders were taken for them.

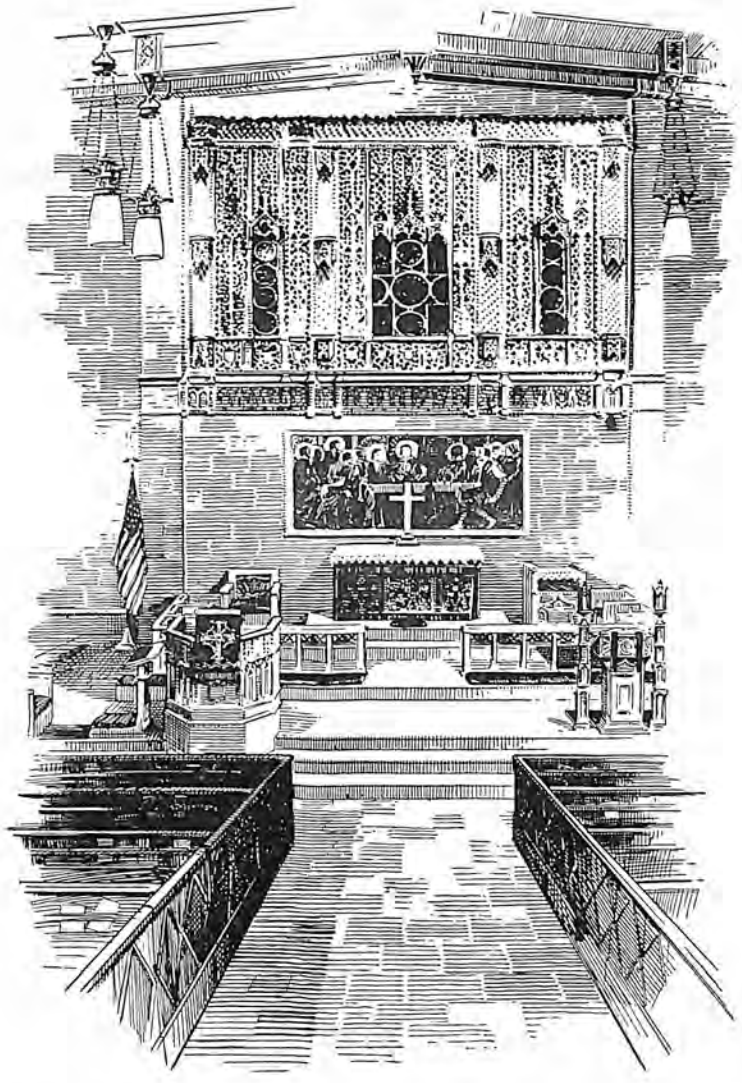
The Department of Christian Education has created a Committee on Visual Education, charged with the responsibility of keeping abreast of developments in visual education and of helping the parishes in this branch of their educational programs. This committee has begun working; it is available for advice, for suggestion, for information regarding all phases of visual aids in the parish program. It is hoped that the parishes of the Diocese will call upon the committee whenever necessary, and that the committee will become busy in the work for which it was formed. It is for those who came as representatives of their parishes to the Institute, and as interested individuals in the field of visual education, to plan and develop, with the assistance of the committee, programs for their pupils and adults. Equipment is quickly becoming available; films and slides are being printed almost in profusion; literature of every nature can be found to aid every parish in every possible type of presentation. Begin now to augment your educational program and give color and variety to your Church School work by the use of visual aids.

ST. JOHN'S, NORRISTOWN FOUNDED 134 YEARS AGO

The Dedication Festival of St. John's Church, Norristown, was observed on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. This parish had its beginning in 1812. The original Church was damaged by fire in 1898; but was soon restored. From 1926 to 1930 the fabric of the Church was entirely rebuilt. There have been countless numbers of devoted members of St. John's Church from 1812 to 1946, who have lovingly, zealously and with genuine sacrifice made possible in successive generations this historic Church to witness to Christ as the Saviour of men. Since 1925 the Rev. James Martin Niblo has been Rector, having been brought up in this Parish.

On the second Sunday of each month at All Saints Church, Crescentville, stereopticon slides, illustrating Bible stories, will be used in place of the usual opening Church School service.

At Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, there is a class known as "Sunday School Cadets," who are in training for work as future teachers.



Healing Ministry at St. Stephen's

By The Rev. Alfred W. Price, D.D.

I have been asked by the Editor of this valued magazine to write a short article on the work that has been carried on in St. Stephen's during the past four years in the field of spiritual healing. This I am happy to do because of the great interest manifested on the part of people who come to our Thursday services from all walks of life.

These services have been marked by a realization of the Presence of Christ, a definite revival of spiritual life, and a substantial number of complete cures, a large proportion of well-marked improvements, and a wonderful patience and refreshment in the spiritual lives of those who quite simply record no bodily change. There has been, I am happy to say, a marked absence of fanaticism.

The quantity and quality of testimonial letters show that the vast majority who have attended look to these services not as another health cult, but as an opportunity to grasp the true purpose of the Incarnation—"I am come that they may have life and that they may have it abundantly."

Christ attacked disease wherever He found it, as being an evil and alien thing and commissioned His disciples to do the same. He seemed to see disease as failure in wholeness and completeness. For Jesus, soul and body formed together one animate organism. He forgave a man his sins and healed his disease as integral parts of one process. The supreme purpose of the ministry of Jesus was to liberate human personality from the fetters, physical and moral, which bind it and cramp it. The Christian ideal, it seems to me, is a God-filled personality, not for health's sake, but for God's sake, and for the sake of our fellow men.

Those who desire help and strength to combat physical, mental or spiritual distress find in these services an ever present source of creative power and renewal. The fact that 2,014 attended these services during the past year, and an average of eighty names of sick persons who desire the prayers of the congregation for recovery are said each week and the ever increasing demand for literature on religion and health testify to the great interest in this whole subject. More and more people are coming to realize the great breadth and inclusiveness of the Episcopal Church. Where the full gospel has not been preached and practiced or the teachings of Christ neglected, cults and fanaticism spawn. Religion as well as nature abhors a vacuum. Spiritual healing has been well-nigh forgotten and rarely practiced in the so-called orthodox churches. The result is that all sorts of healthfaddists flourish and abound. We have the authority in the Episcopal Church to preach and practice this healing ministry and God is blessing our feeble but sincere efforts here.

We have a growing amount of hysteria, a vast amount of melancholy, nervous depression, neurasthenia, the tendency to suicide and moral despondency. Look into the faces of the people you meet on the busy street when they are unconscious that anyone is observing them! Just here the Church has a magnificent opportunity. It is for the Church to instruct the people so that they may have poise and balance, a sense of proportion and that fine quality of moderation. It is for the Church to preach and to practice serenity, cheerfulness, hopefulness. It is for the Church to insist upon the supremacy of the spirit and the transcendent value of those interests which are altogether beyond the reach of accident or disease.

The Church can steadily lift the people out of themselves into those larger interests which make any life more normal. Not all the chronic invalidism in the world is due to an intensely selfish nature within, but

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In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

Mr. Joseph F. Huey, who died September 20, left $3,000 to the Episcopal Hospital and $2,000 to the Church of the Holy Apostles.

The Rev. Milton Nichols, D.D., a retired Methodist Minister, is preaching a series of sermons at the Sunday evening service at Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown. Bishop Hart will preach in this Church on Thanksgiving Day.

To finance its weekly parish bulletin, one of our parishes invites people to publish the name of the person to whom the bulletin is to be dedicated on a particular Sunday, and to make a contribution towards its cost.

An afternoon Book Review Group has been organized at Trinity Church, Swarthmore. Various members of the group will review books of contemporary social and religious interest.

St. John's Church, Lansdowne, is planning to add a new wing to its Parish House as a memorial to those who have served St. John's in war and peace. It is designed to provide adequate Church School space, suitable choir rooms, and additional recreational facilities.

The Southwestern Church School Association met at St. Giles Church, Stonehurst, on October 17. There was a panel discussion with special reference to parental cooperation with the school.

A parish paper says: "It is vitally important that when one moves to a new parish home, he should ask for a Letter of Transfer to the new parish. If there is any doubt in your mind as to your status in this regard, allow the Rector to clarify it for you."

Furniture from St. Matthew's Church was used in transforming the Convention Hall into a Church for General Convention. The Archbishop of Canterbury knelt at St. Matthew's litany desk at the opening service.

A card containing a "Community House Program" has been printed by St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street, listing fifteen or twenty clubs, organizations, and classes for various groups.

Men of St. Andrew's Church, Yardley, volunteered their services to paint the interior of the Rectory.

Choristers from thirty-three parishes and missions participated in the music for General Convention. Individual choirmasters and organists prepared them in preliminary rehearsals. The Diocesan Commission on Music is most grateful for all this assistance.

The Rev. E. Frank Salmon conducted a retreat for the clergy of the Diocese of Maine on the first three days of October at Gardener, Me.

A Hobby Show and sale will be held at Christ Church Hospital, 49th and Monument Avenue, Thursday, November 21, from 2 to 5 P. M.

During the summer months several members of the Church School painted some of the rooms in the parish house of the Church of the Epiphany, 57th and Baltimore Ave.

Two hundred dollars has been given to the Memorial Improvements Fund of St. Clement's Church in memory of Lt. Frederick Hausman Hobdell, USA, who died in Texas in the late days of the war.

"Calvary Church Chimes," published by Calvary Church, Conshohocken, prints a complete list of parishioners who have left their homes for attendance at schools and colleges.

Twenty-four students at Girard College are listed as members of the Episcopal Church, and will be permitted to attend service at St. Matthew's Church, 18th Street and Girard Avenue, at the early service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

Extensive renovations were made at the Church of the Epiphany, Germantown, this summer. Pews were refinished, and the walls of the Church and parish house were repaired and repainted.

Many church furnishings from the Church of the Incarnation, Broad and Jefferson Streets, have been set aside for use in the new St. Philip's Church, Oreland.

The Rt. Rev. Qienton Huang, on a recent visit to Grace Church and the Incarnation, formerly known as St. George's, Venango, was presented with an offering of $572 for missionary work in the District of Kunming, China.

The Rev. J. Wesley Twelves, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Germantown, wrote a series of ten articles this summer on the general topic: "What the Sea Means to Me." They were printed in seashore newspapers.

The Rev. Alfred W. Price, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, participated in a service at the Philadelphia National Cemetery, honoring Gold Star Mothers who died during the past year.

Damage done to St. Monica's Church, Woodland Avenue and St. Mark's Street, has been repaired, and the people are again worshipping in their own building. The vicar, Rev. Matthew Davis, is now residing at 1333 N. 57th Street, Philadelphia 31, Pa.

New officers of the Y. P. F. of Zion Church, Broad Street and Wyoming Avenue, are: President, Donald Riecks; Vice President, Charles Summers; Secretary, Adrian Shutes, Jr.; Treasurer, William Kohler.

The parish of St. Luke and the Epiphany has sold the church property located at the corner of 17th and Summer Streets to the trustees of the Albanian Orthodox Church of St. John Chrysostom. The building was formerly used as an Episcopal chapel; but has not been so used for several years.

Bishop Hart recently conducted a three-day Parochial Mission at Grace Church, Hulmeville.

The feature of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Chapel of the Holy Communion on September 29 was the visit of Bishop Remington, who had been Vicar of this Chapel in the early days of his ministry.

At the Church of the Resurrection on the Sunday during the meeting of General Convention, the sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Stephen E. Keeler, who was the classmate of the rector, the Rev.

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CHRISTIAN "KNOW-HOW"

"Know-how" is a magic expression coined by the manufacturing world in recent years. It seems to signify that quality which a man or a company has that insures the effective application of theory to specific problems of manufacture.

All countries with any scientific brains worthy of the name know the theories utilized to make the atom bomb. U. S. leadership discovered, or more accurately, developed the "know-how" that put these theories into effective operation. It is that which is the vital secret today, not the materials involved or the fundamental theories.

Our beloved Church in its every phase of life is starved for "know-how" today. In all the long hours of debate about Church unity in the General Convention, and in all the weary weeks of debate in the press, never a word was spoken against the basic theory of unity. Every person, of whatever churchmanship, was agreed that disunity is contrary to Christ's will and intention. But we have not known how to proceed to bring about the universally desired goal. All of the discussion was on the goodness or badness of method, not the goal.

The sore problem of safeguarding Christ's teaching about Christian love and the Christian home and at the same time meeting the honest needs and problems of human nature have preyed on the minds of Churchmen for decades. The goal is clear; the "know-how" is lacking.

The complete failure of Church congregations and Church families to make intelligent, interested, earnest Christian individuals of their young people has been aired in secular and religious press generation after generation. What to do about education was again one of the vital, and nearly violent, questions faced by General Convention. As a Church we have an unrivaled heritage of rational belief and practice and the facilities for individual and democratic personal freedom. But the "know-how" of imparting this consistently and successfully to our own children and the hungry searchers outside is utterly lacking.

Our need seems to be two-fold. In the first place it is obvious that people are hungry to know the fundamentals of religion as a whole. Comparatively few are in any way interested in partisan hair-splitting or anything else that cannot clearly be shown to have direct bearing on meeting a brutal world and an often disillusioning life. The serious-minded want to come to grips with reality. Religion has all the raw materials for building a life and personality that has true value. The "know-how" of fabricating those raw materials and fundamental theories must be imparted to a people who are hungry for it. Our own church people prize the unique contribution we can and do make to "the initiated." The tragedy is that through blindness, neglect, or lack of "know-how" we do not initiate more of those who frequent our sacred walls. They go away hungry and lapse into indifference.

Teaching! Teaching! Teaching the "know-how" of the Christian life is our unending job and privilege. Controversy was once the great theme for pulpit and platform. Not so today. Our every energy is needed to controvert world-embracing secularism. No Church can afford to expend its energies or hours along any other line. Combatting the paganism of unsanctified "goodness" is a task that is great enough to demand our every resource.

The second aspect of our need is really but another phase of the first. No matter how much the clergy may feel this need to teach, nor how consecrated they may be to meeting it, their efforts are as nothing compared to what could be accomplished by the supplemental efforts of informed, consecrated lay leadership. The rector's effect on a Sunday School is minute compared to the good or bad teaching and example of teachers. The child's personal contact with religion is almost entirely that of the home or the church classroom. His contact with the rector is entirely too momentary or "institutional" to make very much difference. Religion is personal; it is transmitted by the contact that is personal. Obviously, therefore, a basic step in fostering God-centered lives is providing a multitude of persons with genuine "know-how" in this direction. A little of that is natural talent, but far the greater part of it is a readily transmissible skill.

The Forward Movement has provided over the last decade an excellent emphasis on deepening devotion largely through prayer and meditation. It has met a real need in the lives of many. Could we not now have a decade of imparting Christian "know-how" and profit infinitely more?

This is a need great enough to warrant the active interest of the whole Church. But at the same time it is personal enough to have much that the individual or the individual parish could undertake alone. Clergy could devote more pulpit time to imparting knowledge and less to the pretty or petty homilies that merit no other comment than an ecstatic, "How lovely!" Parish organizations could make a concerted effort to include something of spiritual meat for the soul and mind in their year's program. Individual layment and women could make part of their contribution to their parish the gift of enough hours to receive adequate training as a teacher and to pass on their knowledge and inspiration. Such a gift is infinitely more costly and productive than an awesome number of dollars.

Even the Diocese can enter into such a program more and more fully as individual and parish hunger makes itself felt. There is already available much that is helpful in the way of conferences and training courses. And the Divinity School is offering special opportunities for training of parish clergy that they may better undertake their various duties.

The cry heard for hours in General Convention when Church unity was being debated was, "Let the Church study it." The unity proposal was not approved, but can't we at least keep part of the cry: "Let the Church study!" If we could have more "know-what" as to our resources, we would be a long way toward finding the essential "know-how" of making our influence felt.

A. O. J.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

The 40th annual Christmas Seal Sale, to raise funds for the control of tuberculosis, will be conducted throughout the nation from November 25 to Christmas. This year, a lamplighter, symbol of light on a troubled world, is featured on the seal, which is illustrated herewith.

In honor of the 40th annual Seal Sale, each sheet of seals carries four special portrait seals. The portraits are: Miss Emily P. Bissell, who, adopting an idea from Denmark, promoted the first seal sale for the benefit of a small tuberculosis hospital near her home in Wilmington, Delaware; Jacob Riis, Danish-American, who wrote an article urging a Christmas Seal Sale to fight tuberculosis in the United States; E. A. Van Valkenburg, editor and publisher of the Philadelphia *North American,* and Leigh Mitchell Hodges, columnist of that paper, who promoted Miss Bissell's seal.

The lamplighter seal was designed by Lloyd Coe, of Cape Anne, Mass., from an idea submitted by Miss Mary Louise Estes of Jacksonville, Fla.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

For those who wish to select Christmas cards different from the usual commercial variety, the Cathedral Christmas Cards issued by the Washington Cathedral will be most acceptable. The 1946 assortment includes three Cathedral subjects and many reproductions of suitable religious pictures. Approval sets will be sent to any person making application to the Curator of Washington Cathedral, Mount Saint Alban, Washington 16, D. C. The cost of the approval set is one dollar. Any card in the set may be ordered separately in quantity, if desired.

MEN'S ADVENT COMMUNION

The men's Advent Corporate Communion is the greatest single service for men in the Church. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew first held this service more than twenty-five years ago in order to honor St. Andrew on the Sunday nearest his feast day, and also that the men of the Church might observe the beginning of the Christian year by kneeling together at God's altar. For the past three years the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work has been sponsoring this service, and more parishes are participating. December 1 is the date this year. There is an attractive poster, invitation cards, and much other helpful material available. This literature should be ordered now on the form provided in the back of "Parish Helps."

RECORDED ADDRESS OF THE ARCHBISHOP

The Most Reverend and Right Honorable, The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, addressed a great Mass Meeting of 10,000 people in Convention Hall, Philadelphia, on Sunday afternoon, September 8, on the subject of World Brotherhood. In answer to the many requests of Episcopalians from all over the United States and Canada, this stirring address was transcribed and recorded direct from Convention Hall, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

This historical document has been recorded on four twelve inch records in an attractive album 12½ by 14 inches in size. The album carries a picture of His Grace, The Archbishop, and a short biographical sketch of this world famous ecclesiastic. Many parishes are planning to use the records as the basis of discussion and study groups. For further information consult the C. E. S. Associates, 1700 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.

CONCERNING HYMNS

A series of articles from the pen of Brother Sydney, O.H.C., has been prepared in book form under the auspices of the Music Commission of the Diocese. Attractively printed, it contains comments on about every hymn in the 1940 hymnal. In addition to sections dealing with suitable hymns for the seasons of the Christian year, there are discussions on hymns appropriate for processionals, weddings, burials, special occasions, etc. Copies at 50 cents each may be obtained from Miss Roma Angel, secretary of the Commission, at 7808 York Road, Elkins Park.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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phia Council of Churches.

4. The Church should experiment and pioneer courageously along new and broader lines.

a. In raising standards of missionary work.

b. In developing inter-church cooperation.

5. In each community the Church has an obligation to study the whole Christian impact upon that community.

Among the several possible outcomes of such a study are:

a. Some agreement with other Christian groups as to the opportunity for service belonging to each.

b. Experiments in cooperation, or even joint responsibility for some work, such as week-day religious education, vacation Bible schools, youth canteens, etc.

c. Withdrawal from the area in order to strengthen our work elsewhere.

6. Vested interest (property, buildings, etc.) are not sufficient reasons for remaining in a community, where over a period of time it seems evident that there is little future to the work. It takes courage to pioneer, and it takes equal courage at times to accept change, admit failure and abandon work.

7. Missions should become increasingly self-supporting, with rare exceptions where social services are needed.

8. A vicar needs close relationship with his diocese. He should be in close touch with his Bishop and all diocesan departments, and feel they are there to help and advise him.

It is understood that missions have first claim upon the Bishop's time and interest.

In order to strengthen its tie, it is recommended that the selection of the Missionary Committee of a Mission should be done with the approval of the Bishop and the Department of Missions of the Diocese. It is also recommended that the principle of rotation of Missionary Committees be followed.

9. There should be an adequate plan for the replacement and retirement of vicars. Leaving a missionary in certain situations is discouraging to him and detrimental to the church.

10. Mission properties should be well equipped and be kept in good condition.

11. All work should be evaluated at regular intervals. Any well run business makes periodic surveys of its work. Self-surveys are the vital part of the evaluation of a mission.

Statistics are only one test of good work. Certain intangibles are more important evidence of the health of a mission.

12. To establish and to maintain high standards of missionary work the combined efforts of the clergy, laymen and women are required.

SEE HOW IT GROWS

Since its beginning, in 1889, the United Thank Offering has reached a total of $5,205,576.00. The amounts of offerings presented at General Conventions follow:

1889	$ 2,000
1892	20,000
1895	56,000
1898	83,000
1901	107,000
1904	150,000
1907	224,000
1910	243,000
1913	306,000
1916	354,000
1919	468,000
1922	681,000
1925	913,000
1928	1,101,000
1931	1,060,000
1934	790,000
1937	862,000
1940	1,004,000
1943	1,150,000
1946	1,631,576

HEALING SERVICES

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a very great deal of it is due to just that. Those persons who insist upon continuing to dwell in their griefs, their troubles and their disappointments, when the time has arrived for an advance, are in countless cases made ill by thus flying in the face of a law as universal and as powerful as the law of gravitation. The necessity which comes for meeting new obligations, adjusting ourselves to changed conditions, doing our duty again in unwonted fields, if met and discharged, becomes a means of grace and of health; refused, it works untold ill. It is for the Christian Church to make all that plain and to aid in fortifying the will which has gone lame so that it will take up its load and walk on, head up, eyes front, intent upon victory.

The world today is waiting for a fresh revelation of the presence and power of God in the work of the Church and in the life of its members. It must see and feel once more the wonder of divine healing. Here is a clear call to the Church so to carry on the healing work which God has begun in our midst, that the thoughts of all who witness the work may be carried upward to the real Healer, Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Lord and Saviour of all life.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Price conducts a healing service every Thursday at 12:30 at St. Stephen's Church, Tenth Street above Chestnut, of which he is Rector.)

A Church School class had been taken into the Church where the symbols and the stained glass had been explained. Later, when the teacher asked, "Who is a Saint?" a child replied: "A Saint is a person that the light shines through."

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Mrs. John E. Hill, who is actively engaged in the W. A. and whose husband is the rector of All Saints Church, Moyamensing, has been renominated by the Triennial for a second term to the National Council.

Fifty-six graduates and friends of the Church Training and Deaconess House attended a reunion dinner at Christ Church Parish House on September 11, which was given by the Alumnae Association of the Deaconess House.

Parked near the Museum during the Convention was the "Friendly Trailer" of the G. F. S. and its constant companion, Miss Olive Meacham, who is active in spreading news of the organization with the aid of her mobile unit.

CHURCH WORLD EVENTS

Two significant conferences will be held in 1948—the Lambeth Conference under the chairmanship of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the World Assembly of the World Council of Churches, which will be held in Holland.

In 1949 the Church will observe the 400th anniversary of the translation of the Book of Common Prayer.

HOSPITAL CHANGES

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must continue to be a Church Hospital in every form of ministry to the sick. The motivating factor that influenced the Board of Managers to accept the position as a member agency was a complete realization of its responsibility to place the Hospital in a position to be able at any future date to meet the needs of the community it serves without jeopardizing the Hospital's capital finances. Salaries and the cost of equipment and supplies have greatly increased during the past year; and it will not be possible to balance the Hospital budget in 1946.

IN THE DIOCESE

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Arthur Murray, at Yale University in 1910. Three other members of this class, Dean O'Ferrall, Judge Ford, and Dr. Norton, all Deputies to the General Convention, attended this service.

A portrait of the Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, rector of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, was recently presented to the Parish.

The Rev. and Mrs. Croswell McBee have returned to their farm at Nantmeal Village, Chester County, after spending the summer in Maine.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Jarden Guenther entertained the staff of the Church House at their home in Paoli on the last Saturday in September.

St. Mary's Church, 39th and Locust, has recently issued an attractive booklet giving the history, activities, and future program of the Parish.

A sterling silver cruet was recently dedicated at Trinity Church, Swarthmore, in memory of Milton Howard Fussel, 3rd, who lost his life while serving our country in the recent war.

Deaconess Celia Elizabeth Brown, recently set apart to the office of Deaconess, has been assigned to work in the Parish of Christ Church, Media.

A Visitor's Book has been placed at the west end of the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets. The first signature was that of Bishop Kennedy, of Honolulu, who preached there on September 15.

Permission has been granted by the Borough Council of Yardley whereby the Church Yard of St. Andrew's Church may be enlarged to accommodate additional burials.

Pupils are released from public school in Norristown one afternoon each week to attend religious instructions at their respective churches. St. John's Church is providing suitable instruction for its children.

The Dean of the Philadelphia Divinity School is giving a course to clergymen on "Parish Administration" at the School on Wednesday afternoons. The entire field of parochial work will be discussed, and various ways and means considered. It is designed to help the parish priest make his work more effective.

There is urgent need for a piano for the use of St. John's Church, Essington. The Rector, Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, will be glad to learn of one that may be available.

Deaconess Anna C. Norris died on October 3 at Christ Church Hospital and was buried from St. Mark's Church on October 7, with interment in West Laurel Hill Cemetery. For twenty-five years she worked in this diocese at St. Martha's House, and at St. Agnes' House, retiring in 1936.

A NEW BOOK ON IMMORTALITY

On September 25 the Morehouse-Gorham Co. published a new book by the Rt. Rev. Austin Pardue, Bishop of Pittsburgh, entitled "He Lives" ($1.50).

The general theme of the book is "Immortality"—based on the teachings of the Historic Church and the Book of Common Prayer. Each one of us, according to Bishop Pardue, has a purpose to fulfil here on earth and in Paradise, and that purpose is *soul and character growth.*

For the person who has sustained the loss of a loved one due to the war or due to natural causes—this book will be a source of comfort for it stresses the importance of keeping the faith and having confidence in eternal life.

MARRIAGES

The Rev. Walter P. H. Parker and Miss Christine Geneva Rider were married in St. Thomas Church, 52nd and Parrish Streets, on October 25.

The Rev. Robert H. Gamble and Miss Elizabeth B. G. Corkran were married at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, on October 12.

CLERICAL CHANGES

The Rev. George W. Wickersham II, former chaplain, USN, has become Rector of All Saints' Church, Norristown.

The Rev. T. Gordon Ott, formerly of Nova Scotia, has become assistant at the Church of the Holy Trinity.

The Rev. William B. Stimson, former chaplain, USA, has become rector of St. Andrew's Church, Yardley.

The Rev. Arthur F. Gibson, formerly of St. George's Church, Richmond, has become Rector of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity, 11th and Mt. Vernon Streets.

The Rev. Frederick R. Murray, formerly rector of Trinity Church, Branford, Connecticut, has become rector of St. Paul's Church, Elkins Park.

The Rev. Frederick B. Hornby, formerly vicar of St. Luke's Church, Eddystone, has become vicar of St. Peter's Church, Broomall, and St. Alban's Church, Newtown Square.

The Rev. Percy G. Hall, formerly chaplain, USA, has been appointed executive secretary of the Army and Navy Commission, with headquarters at 281 Fourth Avenue, New York.

The Rev. Dallas E. Buzby, formerly of the Valley Forge Military Academy, is now on the faculty of Beaver College.

The Rev. Waldemar Jansen has resigned as Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, and is living in Norristown.

The Rev. Henry S. Paynter, formerly assistant at St. George's Church, Ardmore, is now assistant at St. John's Church, Lansdowne.

Resolution

The Deaconess Retiring Fund Society

It is the desire of the members of the Deaconess Retiring Fund Society to express our extreme regret at the death of Mr. Arthur Emlen Newbold, Jr., the treasurer of our Society.

We have been extremely fortunate in having his devoted interest in the Society. He has handled the investments with great care and conservatism. The annuities have been promptly paid, and he has taken such good care of the investments that recently the income was sufficient to pay a bonus to the annuitants. We shall greatly miss the help that he has given us.

A copy of this Resolution is being sent to Mrs. Newbold.

MABEL ADAMS, *Secretary, D. R. F. S.*

NEW WINDOWS

Just before Christmas, at St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville, the last of a new series of windows were put in place. One on the side of the nave portrays two great English churchmen, Cranmer and Andrews, and was given in memory of Harry G. Deger, Jr. The four panels of the large window in the facade of the church are in memory of James Wells and Fannie B. Pennypacker. The complete plan of the new windows tells the story of the history of the Christian Church, including the "St. Peter Window," which shows the life of the great Apostle after whom the church is named.

A new window was recently installed in St. Martin's Church, Radnor, in memory of Theodora Rand Gurley, wife of the Rector. It is composed of three panels depicting events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary: "The Annunciation," "Mother and Child," "The Heavenly Host Hailing the Birth of the Christ Child."

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Mrs. Alfred M. Chapman, who is a member of St. Andrew's Church, Yardley, was re-elected to the W. A. National Executive Board for her second three-year term.

The Vestry of All Saints' Church, Crescentville, have purchased a house at 520 E. Senter Street, to be used as a rectory.

Chaplain Robert Morris, of the Episcopal Hospital, taught a course at the Sweet Briar Summer Conference in June.

Mr. George W. Wilkins, Superintendent of the Galilee Mission has been awarded the American Legion Distinguished Service Certificate for work among the underprivileged.

Mr. William J. Crout, at the age of 84, retired as a Vestryman of Calvary Church, West Philadelphia. He had served on the Vestry since 1900. He was Rector's Warden for 18 years.

St. James Church, 22nd and Walnut Streets, will move to Green Ridge, Delaware County.

From the House of Bishops

Be it Resolved: That the House of Bishops by a rising vote express its thanks and appreciation to the two Bishops of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and to Dr. Thomas Gates, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, and his associates for their many courtesies, hospitality and thoughtful preparation for the comfort and convenience of the House, and Be it further Resolved: That the Secretary of the House express our appreciation to the General Chairman and advise him of our action.

Mr. Charles C. Shotwell, of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, has been elected President of the Southwestern Church School Association.

Mr. F. J. Doolittle has been a member of the faculty of the Episcopal Academy for forty years. He is a Vestryman and Lay Reader at St. Paul's Church, Elkins Park, and often leads the services at the school chapel.

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